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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ROBERT AUGUSTINE NAMED NEW CHAIR OF CDS

CHARLESTON, IL.--Robert M. Augustine, who has taught speech pathology and audiology at Eastern Illinois University since 1978, has been named Chairman of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

Augustine replaces Jill Nilsen, who has been named Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Research at Eastern.

He will oversee a staff of 10 faculty and 20 graduate and 125 undergraduate students majoring in communication disorders and sciences.

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Certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Eastern's Communication Disorders and Sciences program offers students internship experiences in educational, hospital and rehabilitative settings.

The department also operates the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and provides services to the residential and University communities. The clinic serves some 200 individuals from the community and 500 from the University during a semester. Services include screening, testing and treatment.

Augustine received bachelor's and master's degrees in speech pathology and audiology from Illinois State University in 1975 and 1976, respectively, and a doctorate in communication disorders and sciences from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1985.

He joined the Eastern faculty in 1978 as an instructor in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and was promoted to assistant professor in 1982 and to associate professor in 1986.

In 1989, he received Eastern's Outstanding Faculty Merit Award in the area of teaching and a summer research grant to study pretest stimulation behavior effects on the language samples of language disordered children.

He is a member of the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association and has been named its 1991 Fellow. He also belongs to the American and East-Central Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Associations.

He and his wife, Kathryn, a fifth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Charleston since 1980, have three sons: Matthew, 9; Mark, 6; and David, 1.